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Torrance Man Charged With Hate Crime Assault

A man has been charged with attacking a motorist earlier this year in Torrance, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Gregory Edward Howell (dob 2/28/91) was charged on Friday in case YA101161 with one count each of assault with a deadly weapon, a shovel, and vandalism as well as a special hate crime allegation.

His arraignment is scheduled for today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Kim of the Hate Crimes Section, Organized Crime Division, is prosecuting the case.

On July 22, Howell was allegedly involved in a verbal altercation with the victim at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. The defendant is accused of getting out of his vehicle and using a large shovel to strike the victim's vehicle several times.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$75,000. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of seven years, eight months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Torrance Police Department.

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